

410 IAC 1-2.5-81 Anthrax; specific control measures

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Sec. 81. The specific control measures for anthrax (infectious agent: *Bacillus anthracis*) are as follows:

(1) An investigation by the local health officer shall be performed immediately to determine the source of exposure. History of exposure to animals and animal products (wool, hair, or raw leather) and travel to endemic anthrax areas shall be fully investigated.

(2) Standard precautions for isolation of hospitalized patients shall be followed.

(3) Discharges from lesions and articles contaminated with discharges require disinfection. An infectious agent is a spore former that will survive in environment for long periods. Disinfection requires sporicidal agent.

(4) Quarantine is not necessary.

(5) If exposure occurred in an occupational/industrial setting, a review of industrial hygiene practices shall be made to reduce the risk of other cases.

(6) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists set the standard clinical and laboratory case definition.

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